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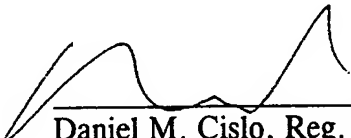
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	AA	5,725,441	3/10/98	Jensen et al.	473	251	2/20/96
	AB	5,692,968	12/2/97	Shine	473	286	6/17/96
	AC	5,417,426	5/23/95	Bayer	273	162	1/4/94
	AD	5,409,228	4/25/95	Botsch	273	164.2	4/21/94
	AE	5,388,827	2/14/95	Reynolds, Jr.	273	80.1	5/11/94
	AF	4,976,436	12/11/90	Serizawa	273	162	10/23/89
	AG	4,962,927	10/16/90	Colucci	273	162	2/15/90
	AH	4,809,977	3/7/89	Doran et al.	273	77	6/25/87
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With the respect to the European Patent Office publication No. 10305119 submitted herewith in Japanese with an English translation for the abstract only, this publication appears to disclose a putter head shaped and weighted such that the putter can stand by itself without falling. The drawing also appears to disclose a putter head having a through part 7 vertically through the putter head having a diameter "a little smaller than" the diameter of a golf ball for picking up and carrying a ball as shown in Figure 7.


With respect to European Patent Office publication No. 07255886, submitted herewith in Japanese with an English translation for the abstract only, this publication appears to disclose a U-shaped putter head gauged to measure a golf ball diameter and to pick up and retain a golf ball within the sides of the U-shape. There also appears to be some claim to the resonance caused by the pitchfork shape of the putter head.

It is not believed any fees are due, however if any fees are required the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge Applicant's attorney's deposit account no. 03-2030. Should there be any remaining or further questions, the Examiner is requested to please contact the undersigned directly.

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